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SUBJECT: FRENCH BARLEY SITUATION

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SUMMARY - REQUEST FOR EXPORT CERTIFICATES TOTALING 2.4 MILLION TONS ON MARCH 30 MOSTLY FOR EASTERN BLOC COUNTRIES REDUCES FRENCH CONCERN WITH POSSIBLE YEAR- END BARLEY STOCK PROBLEM. END OF SUMMARY.

1. TRADE CONTACT REPORTED EC BARLEY EXPORT CERTIFICATES TOTALING 2,355,000 TONS WERE REQUESTED ON FRIDAY, MARCH 30. UNDER NORMAL VALIDITY - 220,000 TONS AND UNDER EX ARTICLE 24 - 950,000 TONS FOR U. S. S. R.; 475,000 FOR POLAND; 400,000 FOR HUNGARY; 135,000 FOR RUMANIA, 100,000 FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND 75,000 FOR NORWAY.

2. THE RESTITUTION RATE IS 38 U. A. PLUS AN EXTRA 5 IF EXPORTED DURING MAY, JUNE AND JULY DUE TO DISCOUNT ON CIF PRICE FOR FUTURE DELIVERY AND ADDITION OF CARRYING CHARGE PREMIUM.

3. ONLY 500,000 TONS TO U. S. S. R. HAS BLESSING OF FRENCH AND EC
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COMMISSION. 300,000 HAS BEEN SOLD AND CONTRACT IS THROUGH FRENCH GRAIN TRADE CONSORTIUM FOR DEALING WITH CENTRAL BUYING AGENCIES. REMAINING 200,000 IS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION. DELIVERY FOR COMBINED QUANTITY IS MAY AND JUNE 100,000 TONS EACH AND JULY AND AUGUST, 150,000 TONS EACH.

4. SOURCE INDICATED THEIR THINKING WAS AN ADDITIONAL 100,000 TO 150,000 TONS OF EX ARTICLE 24 WOULD BE APPROVED WHICH WOULD TAKE CARE OF FRENCH/ EC BARLEY SITUATION.

5. COMMENT: PRACTICALLY ALL OF THE EX ARTICLE 24 RESTITUTIONS ARE ASSUMED TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN OUT WITHOUT A DEFINITE CONTRACT - EXCEPT THE 500,000 TO U. S. S. R. TRADERS HAVE 8 WORKING DAYS TO PRODUCE A SALES CONTRACT. THUS ONE CAN EXPECT CONSIDERABLE ACTIVITY AS THE TRADE TRIES TO FIND A BUYER DURING THE CURRENT WEEK.

6. FRENCH BARLEY S& D FOR 1972/73 AS FOLLOWS IN MILLION TONS: OFF FARM SALES 6.2, FRENCH AND EC NEEDS 3.5, REMAINING FOR EXPORT TO THIRD COUNTRIES 2.7 FOR WHICH 1.6 IN EXPORT CERTIFICATES HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN TAKEN OUT LEAVING 1.1 (THROUGH END OF FEBRUARY 1.3 HAD BEEN UTILIZED AND WE ASSUME MOST OF REMAINING CERTIFICATES WILL ALSO BE USED). THUS ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATES OF 500,000 TO U. S. S. R., 220,000 NORMAL CERTIFICATES AND 100,000 TO 150,000 EX ARTICLE 24 LEAVES 200,000 TO 300,000. IF, AS STATED, FRANCE WOULD NOT MIND 200,000 TO 300,000 INCREASE IN NORMAL CARRYOVER, BARLEY SITUATION AS SEEN BY FRENCH IS SATISFACTORY FOR PRESENT.
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